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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set up a committee to take care of attack on critical infrastructure networks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal for setting up a `Media Lab` in the country with the help of Massachussets Institute of technology in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) financial requirement for setting the `Media Lab`?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)
(a) and (b): The Government is considering to set up a high level security panel to ensure protection of information infrastructure in the critical sectors in the country on the lines of National Infrastructure Protection Centre set up in USA. However, no firm proposal in this regard has yet been drawn up.

(c),(d) and (e): A proposal to set up Media lab India in collaboration with Masschussets Institute of Technology, USA is under consideration. It will focus on developing technologies of the future in the field of IT such as Internet and Multimedia and aim at generating ideas and entrepreneurship of international calibre; focus on use of futuristic technologies for solving problems of Indian context; and create ambience for students, faculty, entrepreneurs, industry and users to work together in a creative environment. To consider the matter further and prepare a detailed project document, a Technical Committee and a Steering Committee have been set up.